

Look at the picture on the other side. See the houses? One of the houses is built WAY too close to the stream. If lots of rain falls, that stream will flood the house in Wetville!

But the Drytown houses will not be flooded. They are built far away from the stream. They are not built in the floodway, flood fringe, or floodplain.

- What is a **stream channel**? A stream channel is where the water usually flows in a stream.
- What is a <u>floodway</u>? A floodway is either the channel of the stream, or the area right next to it that gets flooded when it rains a lot.
- What is a **flood fringe**? A flood fringe is the part of the floodplain that is not the floodway. This area gets flooded after the floodway does.
- What is a **floodplain**? A floodplain is the area next to a river or stream that could be flooded, if we had enough rain.

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